

SENATE RESOLUTION 28

By Burchett

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Lonas Edgar “Ed” Bailey of Knoxville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Lonas Edgar “Ed” Bailey; and

WHEREAS, Ed Bailey was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, he served with acumen and alacrity as an aide to Congressman John J. Duncan, Sr., for twelve years; he also served ably as an at-large member of the Knoxville City Council from 1983 to 1995; and

WHEREAS, in 1971, his distinguished record of public service resulted in a grassroots movement to draft Mr. Bailey to run for Mayor of Knoxville; and

WHEREAS, a Strawberry Plains native, Ed Bailey had been a professional baseball player, playing for the Cincinnati Reds, Chicago Cubs, San Francisco Giants, Milwaukee Braves, and California Angels; and

WHEREAS, a gentleman of substance and conviction, Mr. Bailey enjoyed telling a good joke and, most of all, helping people; and

WHEREAS, he was an active and devout member of West End Church of Christ, which he served faithfully for many years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bailey was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, he enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Betty Car Bailey, and was the proud parent of sons and daughters-in-law, Jeff and Rebecca Bailey, Joe and Michelle Bailey, Jim and Virginia Bailey, and Jack Bailey; and

WHEREAS, he will be sorely missed by his grandchildren, Wes, Ben, Abby, and Reagan; sister and brother-in-law, Jean and Albert Neil; and brother and sister-in-law, Jim “Hop” and Jane Bailey; and

WHEREAS, Ed Bailey leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the memory of Lonas Edgar “Ed” Bailey, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Bailey.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.